operating without license; collecting intelligence about the guest houses suspected of being used by criminals/militants and conducting surprise checks on such guest houses.

Challan of vehicles

2816. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Traffic Police has recently challaned many vehicles for alleged abuse of red beacons atop of vehicles;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether several VIPs who are not entitled to use red beacons fitted vehicles have been found misusing the same; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure that violations of such guidelines are properly checked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) to (c) During the current year (upto 31st March, 2003), Delhi Police challaned 179 vehicles found to have unauthorizedly used red or blue beacon lights. The records pertaining to such challans are not maintained on the basis of the status of the vehicle owners.

(d) It is endeavour of Delhi Police to strictly enforce the relevant provisions of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 and the Delhi Motor Vehicle Rules, 1993 to curb unauthorized use of such beacon lights.

Infiltration of Ultras along J&K borders

2817. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government feels that the Gulf confrontation may jack up infiltration of ultras along the J & K border;

(b) whether there are speculations that with the upsurge in jehadi sentiments coupled with rising anti-US feelings currently on rise will find a flow-valve directed towards the porous J & K borders and Indo-Bangladeshi borders;

(c) if so, what contingency measures are in place to combat such menace; and

(d) whether lifting of US economic and military embargo on Pakistan will abet the terrorist activities along the border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) The possibility cannot be ruled out that Terrorists and their Pak mentors may try to take advantage of international attention being diverted by the Iraq War. They could, therefore, increase infiltration and terrorist actions within J&K.

(b) Yes, Sir. Such speculation exists.

(c) The Government, conjointly with the State Government, has adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross border terrorism perpetrated by the Pak ISI in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, *inter-alia*, strengthening border management and multi-tired and multi model deployment along with International Boder/LoC and near the ever changing infiltration routes to check infiltration pro-active action against terrorists within J&K etc.

(d) It is not certain whether or not, the lifting of embargo would directly impact on Pak sponsored terrorist activities.

Arrest of persons travelling on fake passports

†2818. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons caught while attempting to travel abroad on the basis of bogus passports and other fake documents at various International Airports of the country during last three years;

(b) the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the number of agents apprehended by the Government so far, who are engaged in sending people abroad on the basis of bogus documents; and

(d) whether Government have taken any action against these agents alongwith the number and names against whom action has been taken so far by the Government?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.